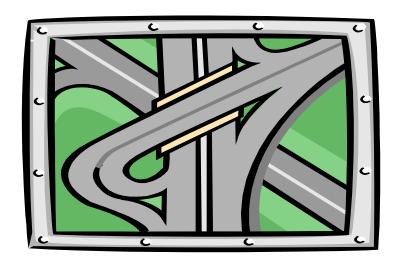
# January 2004 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### SENATE BILL 1346 RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONRETE GRANT PROGRAM FY 2003/2004 & 2004/2005 APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS



Available to the Following Public Entities in California: Cities, Counties, Special Districts, and other Local Government Agencies.

Applications must be received at the CIWMB Sacramento office by 3:00 PM, Friday, March 5, 2004

Facsimiled, E-mailed or late applications will <u>not</u> be accepted.

Waste Tire Grants Hotline Number (916) 341-6441

### SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program

# Question-and-Answer Period Deadline For Written Questions: January 30, 2004

In order to give all applicants the same opportunity and the same information, California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has established a question-and-answer period for competitive grant programs.

Program-specific questions must be submitted in writing by mail or E-mail. The deadline to submit questions is January 30, 2004. No questions will be answered after January 30, 2004. No phone calls regarding this grant program can be accepted after the release of the application.

All questions and answers will be posted on the CIWMB Tires Grant Program web page (see website below). The tentative web page posting date for these questions and answers is February 6, 2004, with updates posted as required. Questions and answers will be mailed to parties who request a hardcopy or disk copy of the application on the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA). If you would like a copy of the questions and answers e-mailed to you, forward your request to the address listed below.

Web page address: <a href="www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/">www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/</a>

E-mail address: ngauff@ciwmb.ca.gov

Mailing address to request questions and answers:

California Integrated Waste Management Board Attn: Nate Gauff Special Waste Division SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program P.O. Box 4025, MS 22 Sacramento, CA 95812-4025



# SB 1346 RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE GRANT PROGRAM Fiscal Years 2003/2004 & 2004/2005

### I. GRANT SUMMARY

#### **BACKGROUND**

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) receives an annual appropriation from the California Tire Recycling Management Fund (Tire Fund) to administer the Tire Recycling Act (Act) (Assembly Bill 1843, Brown, Statutes of 1989, Chapter 974) and related legislation. As part of the Act, CIWMB is offering the Senate Bill (SB) 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program to encourage the reduction of landfill disposal and stockpiling of California waste tires.

Section 42889(g) of the Public Resources Code (PRC) requires CIWMB to assist in developing markets for waste tires. Further, PRC Section 42872(a) allows for the awarding of grants to public entities involved in activities and applications that result in reduced landfill disposal or stockpiling of waste tires.

CIWMB will award the grants on a competitive basis. The purpose of this competitive grant program is to fulfill the legislative mandates by assisting in the development of markets for products manufactured from California waste tires and supporting the diversion of waste tires from landfills and stockpiles.

#### **GRANT FUNDING**

SB 876 authorizes CIWMB to allocate monies from the Tire Fund in a manner consistent with a Five-Year Plan for the Waste Tire Management Program (Five-Year Plan) that is developed and approved by CIWMB and submitted to the Legislature. In the CIWMB approved Five-Year Plan, the proposed funding allocation for the SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003/2004 is one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) and for FY 2004/2005 is one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000).

Ten percent (10%) of each fiscal year's allocation will be set aside to fund projects from eligible

rural entities. For the purposes of this grant program, a rural entity is a county or city within a county that has a population of 400,000 or less (according to the 2000 U.S Census). If an insufficient number of applications are received from rural entities for a given funding cycle, then remaining set-aside funds will be applied to other eligible applicants. The maximum grant from the set-aside funds will be \$10,000 per project.

Each FY funding cycle will have an applicant/jurisdiction aggregate project funding limit of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Cities, counties, special districts, and other local government agencies that fund public works projects are eligible to apply for this grant program.

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Eligible projects for the SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program will use between 2,500 and 20,000 tons of rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC). Eligible RAC consists of twenty (20) pounds or more of crumb rubber made from California waste tires per ton of RAC.

Each applicant or jurisdiction for this grant program can submit applications for more than one project. Each project must have a separate application to be considered for funding.

#### **INELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Projects that use crumb rubber materials derived from non-California waste tires are not eligible for grant funding. Private entities are not eligible to apply for grant funding. Projects that do not meet the eligibility requirements above are not eligible for grant funding.

#### **ELIGIBLE COSTS**

Eligible costs are expenditures incurred during the term of the grant, which directly relate to the rubberized asphalt concrete project (i.e., materials).

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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All questions and answers will be posted on CIWMB's web page (see below for web page address). The tentative web page posting date for the questions and answers is February 6, 2004, with updates posted as required. A copy of these Questions and Answers will be mailed to those applicants who request them by mailing or E-mailing a request to one of the addresses below.

Web page address:

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/

E-mail address: tiregrants@ciwmb.ca.gov

Mailing Address:

California Integrated Waste Management Board

Attn: Nate Gauff Special Waste Division SB 1346 RAC Grant Program P.O. Box 4025, MS 22 Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

#### **GRANT TERM**

The term of the grant is from the time the Grantee receives a Notice to Proceed from CIWMB through April 1, 2006, for FY 2003/2004 grants. For FY 2004/2005 grants the term will be from July 2004-April 1, 2007 (tentative).

#### PROPOSED PROGRAM MILESTONES

| Date             | Activity  |
|------------------|---|
| January 30, 2004 | Question-and-Answer period deadline                 |
| February 6, 2004 | Questions and Answers available (tentative)         |
| March 5, 2004    | Application deadline 3:00 PM                        |
|                  | Grant Award recommendations considered by the Board |
| April 2004       | (tentative)   |
| April 2004 -     | Performance period for FY                           |
| April 1, 2006    | 2003/2004 grants                                    |
| July 2004-       | Performance period for FY                           |
| April 1, 2007    | 2004/2005 grants (tentative)                        |

# II. GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

The application process consists of submitting:

- A completed and signed SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program Application Form (initial and mark the box where appropriate for certification of Environmental Justice compliance and California Rubber use);
- A copy of the applicant's Recycled-Content Purchasing Policy or Directive;
- A signed resolution or authorizing document or submittal timeline.

An omission of any of the above information will not disqualify an application from consideration. All applicants that <u>fail to include</u> all of the above information by the application deadline of March 5, 2004 may submit documents until March 16, 2004. This late submission will cause the application to be considered for funding after all complete applications have been ranked (i.e., the incomplete applications will go to the bottom of the list). Missing documents or information must be received by the CIWMB no later than Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Failure to submit all documentation by March 16, 2004 will result in disqualification of the application from consideration for grant award.

Applicants must submit a <u>separate</u> application <u>for each</u> proposed project. Applicants can submit applications that in aggregate may exceed the per jurisdiction funding limit of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per FY funding cycle; however, these applicants must include additional documentation (e.g., a letter) detailing project funding priority information with their applications.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed and signed application must be received at the CIWMB offices by 3:00 PM Friday, March 5, 2004. Facsimiled or e-mailed applications will not be accepted at any time. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that CIWMB receives the application with all required information on time. The CIWMB strongly discourages the use of standard certified/registered mail for the delivery of applications, because of the inherent delays in that method of mail delivery.

#### **GRANT EVALUATION PROCESS**

After the close of the application period, staff will review and rank the grant applications. The three criteria below will be applied sequentially on each project to determine the highest ranking projects-(i.e., criterion two will be used to differentiate tied projects after applying criterion one; and criterion three will be used to differentiate tied projects after applying criteria one and two.)

<u>Criterion 1 – Amount of RAC used per project</u>. Projects that propose to use the greatest amount of RAC (tons) will receive highest rank (i.e., projects will be ranked from those using 20,000 tons of RAC [maximum] to 2,500 tons of RAC [minimum]).

Criterion 2 – Amount of crumb rubber per ton of RAC used. Projects that propose to use the greatest amount of crumb rubber per ton of RAC will receive higher rank (after applying Criterion 1). The applicant must show how this number is derived for each project. All projects must meet the minimum crumb rubber content requirement of 20 pounds of rubber per ton of RAC.

<u>Criterion 3 – Readiness status of project</u>. This criterion will be applied to the RAC projects as follows:

- contract for the project has been awarded to contractor (highest)
- 2. contract for the project has been put out to bid
- contract for the project is in the planning/design phase (lowest)

#### **AWARDING OF GRANTS**

Based on the ranking process, staff will develop funding recommendations for the Board's consideration during its monthly business meeting in March 2004 (tentative). If the total amount of funds requested by the successful applications exceeds the funding amount available, CIWMB will allocate grant funds ranked order.

All applicants will be notified of staff's recommendations by mail. Approximately a month after the March 2004 Board meeting, applicants selected for grant funding will receive instructions to initiate the Grant Agreement process.

In the event CIWMB awards only a portion of an applicant's grant request, CIWMB staff will incorporate additional conditions or changes in the final Grant Agreement.

### III. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application form is a self-explanatory, fill-inthe-blank type form. The completed application must include information <u>for all sections</u> in the application form, <u>including</u> the check boxes and signature/initial spaces.

#### RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZING DOCUMENT

The grant application package must include an approved resolution/authorizing document (resolution) from the applicant's governing body authorizing submittal of an application to CIWMB. The resolution must also identify by <u>title</u>, the position authorized to execute the Grant Agreement, and all related documents including requests for payment. (See Sample Resolution

on page 5 and sample authorizing document on page 6 of the application form & samples section)

The resolution must be received by CIWMB no later than Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Failure to submit all documentation by March 16 will result in disqualification of the application from consideration for grant award.

## RECYCLED-CONTENT PURCHASING POLICY OR DIRECTIVE

The grant application must include a copy of the applicant's Recycled-Content Purchasing Policy or Directive. (See Policy/Directive samples on pages 3 & 4 of the application form & samples section).

The Purchasing Policy or Directive must be enacted **prior** to March 5, 2004 to meet the requirements of this grant program.

# IV. PAYMENT REQUESTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

#### **PAYMENT OF GRANT FUNDS**

Grant funds are paid on a <u>reimbursement basis</u> at a rate of \$2.50 per ton of RAC used in the project as approved (\$50,000 maximum). All Payment Requests must be prepared as described in the Procedures and Requirements section of the Grant Agreement. Include itemizations with documentation of claimed expenses (e.g., receipts, invoices, weigh tickets, proof of payment, etc.). The payment request must be signed by the authorized signature authority.

Grantees are required to submit a final report.

The report will describe the project, the amount of RAC used, amount of crumb rubber used, cost,

and an evaluation of the RAC project. The report must be submitted with the Grant Payment Request Form (CIWMB 87) in order to receive payment

#### **AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

All Grantees are required to comply with the following provisions:

- Audit/Records Access. The Grantee agrees that CIWMB, the Bureau of State Audits, the Department of Finance or their designated representative(s) shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Grant Agreement.
- The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated, or until completion of any action and resolution of all issues which may arise as a result of any litigation, dispute or audit, whichever is later. The Grantee agrees to allow the designated representative(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the Grantee agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any contract or subcontract related to performance of the Grant Agreement.
- Waiver of Personal Jurisdiction: Should CIWMB seek reimbursement of costs paid to a Grantee as a result of an audit finding, the Grantee hereby waives any jurisdictional defenses.

### V. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

An applicant must mail an <u>original and two (2) copies</u> of the application to the address below. Identify the original application with a mark or stamp indicating "original" and mark or stamp the copies, "copy." The original and two (2) copies must be typed in a font of no less than 10 (ten) point, printed on recycled-content paper, double-sided and fastened in the upper left-hand corner (do not bind the application.)

Applications submitted to CIWMB must be received at the office location below by **Friday**, **March 5**, **2004**, **no later than 3:00 p.m.** Applications received after **Friday**, **March 5**, **2004** will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant. **Facsimiled or e-mailed applications will not be accepted at any time**.

Applications missing required documents or corrected information received after March 5, 2004, and before March 16, 2004, will cause the application to be considered for funding after all complete applications have been ranked (i.e., the incomplete applications will go to the bottom of the list). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted on time to CIWMB. Failure to submit all required documents by March 16, 2004, will result in disqualification of the application from consideration for grant award.

The following is the U. S. Postal mailing address:

California Integrated Waste Management Board SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Financial Assistance Branch, Grants Administration Unit, MS10 ATTN: Philip Poon P.O. Box 4025 Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

The following physical address is for applications sent by commercial carrier or hand delivered:

California Integrated Waste Management Board SB 1346 Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Financial Assistance Branch, Grants Administration Unit, MS10 ATTN: Philip Poon 1001 "I" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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